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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

1. The annex to the present note is a preliminary draft of the proposed programme of work of the Third Committee of the General Assembly for the fifty-first session of the Assembly. These proposals reflect an average of eight formal meetings a week for the Third Committee.

2. The proposals contained herein may be revised in the light of the decisions taken by the General Assembly regarding the inclusion and allocation of items on the agenda. Background information on the items before the General Assembly may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/51/100 and Add.1). A report on the status of preparation of documentation is set out in an addendum to the present document (A/C.3/51/L.1/Add.1).

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Annex

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Draft proposed programme of work for the fifty-first session

Programme	Documentation
Tuesday, 17 September	
Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees to elect the Chairpersons (Plenary of the General Assembly)	
Friday, 20 September	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
Week of 14-18 October	
Monday, 14 October	
3 p.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 102	
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (A/51/267) Letter dated 20 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Trujillo Act and the Protocol Amending the Cartagena Agreement (A/51/87)

Programme	Documentation
	Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543) Letter dated 28 May 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the results of the 95th Conference and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (A/51/210)
6 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 102	
Tuesday, 15 October	
3 p.m.: Item 102 - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 102	
Wednesday, 16 October	
No meetings*	
Thursday, 17 October	
No meetings*	

* The Committee would suspend its work on the understanding that item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) would be discussed in plenary.

Programme	Documentation
Friday, 18 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 103 a/	
Crime prevention and criminal justice	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/145 and 50/146 (A/51/327) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543)
Item 104 a/	
International drug control	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (A/51/129-E/1996/53) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on the possible outcome of and organizational matters relating to the proposed special session of the Assembly on the question of international drug control Letter dated 6 February 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/68) Letter dated 20 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Trujillo Act and the Protocol Amending the Cartagena Agreement (A/51/87) Letter dated 3 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/93) Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543)
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 103 and 104	

Week of 21-25 October

Monday, 21 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

Items 103 and 104 - General discussion (continued)

Programme	Documentation
Tuesday, 22 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 103 and 104 - General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 23 October	
3 p.m.:	
Items 103 and 104 - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 and 104	
Thursday, 24 October	
3 p.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 105 - Advancement of women b/	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/51/38)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/51/277)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of women in the Secretariat (A/51/304)
	Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (A/51/309)
	Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (A/51/325)

Programme	Documentation
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/50/509) entitled "The advancement of women through and in the programmes of the United Nations system: What happens after the Fourth World Conference on Women?" (A/51/180)
	Letter dated 27 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint communiqué issued at the close of the Regional Conference on Migration (A/51/90)
	Letter dated 28 May 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the results of the 95th Conference and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (A/51/210)
Item 106	
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women b/	Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/322)
	Letter dated 27 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint communiqué issued at the close of the Regional Conference on Migration (A/51/90)
	Letter dated 28 May 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the results of the 95th Conference and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (A/51/210)
6 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 105 and 106	

Programme	Documentation
Friday, 25 October	
3 p.m.: Items 105 and 106 - General discussion (continued)	
Week of 28 October-1 November	
Monday, 28 October	
10 a.m and 3 p.m.: Items 105 and 106 - General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 29 October	
3 p.m.: Items 105 and 106 - General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 30 October	
10 a.m.: Items 105 and 106 - General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 105 and 106	
Thursday, 31 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees followed by introductory statements and general discussion of:	

Programme	Documentation
Item 107 Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/51/12) Report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on the work of its forty-seventh session (A/51/12/Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (A/51/329) Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (A/51/341) Letter dated 10 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/206-S/1996/539)
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 107	

Friday, 1 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

Item 107 - General discussion (continued)

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Programme	Documentation
Week of 4-8 November	
Monday, 4 November	
3 p.m.:	
Item 107 - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 107	
Tuesday, 5 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 110 c/	
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/51/18) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (A/50/468) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Programme	Documentation
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/51/301)
	Letter dated 27 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint communiqué issued at the close of the Regional Conference on Migration (A/51/90)
Item 111 c/	
Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 110 and 111	
Wednesday, 6 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 110 and 111 - General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 7 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 110 and 111 - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 110 and 111	

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Programme	Documentation
Friday, 8 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 109	
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations
	Report of the Secretary-General on progress made at the national, regional and international levels in accomplishing the objectives of the Decade and the programme of activities for the Decade
	Report of the Secretary-General on a review of existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous people
	Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on activities of the United Nations system in relation to the Decade
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 109	
Week of 11-15 November	
Monday, 11 November	
10 a.m.:	
Item 109 - General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 109	

Programme	Documentation
3 p.m.:** Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 108	
Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/51/41)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the expert on the impact of armed conflict on children (A/51/306 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/153
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on international measures for the prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
	Letter dated 27 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint communiqué issued at the close of the Regional Conference on Migration (A/51/90)
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 108	

** The meeting will begin with a special presentation by the expert designated by the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive study of the situation of children affected by armed conflict.

Programme	Documentation
Tuesday, 12 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Item 108 - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 108	
Wednesday, 13 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 112 (a) d/	
Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3)
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/51/40)
	Report of the Committee against Torture (A/51/44)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
	Report of the Secretary-General on ensuring financing and adequate staff and other resources for the operations of the human rights treaty bodies

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the seventh meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 112 (a)	

Thursday, 14 November

10 a.m.:

Item 112 (a) - General discussion (concluded)

1 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 112 (a)

3 p.m.: Dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, followed by introductory statements and general discussion of:

Item 112 (b) d/

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Centre for Human Rights in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the rule of law
	Report of the Secretary-General on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities
	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the organizations, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United nations system on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the United Nations Year for Tolerance (A/51/201)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
	Letter dated 22 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a joint declaration by the European Union and the United States of America on the elections in Albania (A/51/153)
	Letter dated 18 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/170)

Programme	Documentation
Item 112 (c) d/	
Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Information requested in Assembly resolution 48/155 on the situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia
	Report of the Secretary-General on rape and abuse of women in the areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon and Western Bekaa
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the periodic report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cuba

Programme	Documentation
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Rwanda
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint report on the situation of human rights in Nigeria
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
	Letter dated 13 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/80-S/1996/194)
	Letter dated 28 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/189)
	Letter dated 3 July 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/203-E/1996/86)
	Letter dated 8 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/204)
	Letter dated 5 August 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/271)

Programme	Documentation
Item 112 (d) d/	
Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Report of the Secretary-General
Item 113 (e) d/	
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/51/36)
6 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e)	
Friday, 15 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e) - General discussion (continued)	
Week of 18-22 November	
Monday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e) - General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 19 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e) - General discussion (continued)	

Programme	Documentation
Wednesday, 20 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e) - General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 21 November	
3 p.m.:	
Items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e) - General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 22 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e) - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 112 (b), (c), (d) and (e)	
Week of 25-29 November	
Monday, 25 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Tuesday, 26 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	

Programme	Documentation
Wednesday, 27 November	
10 a.m.:	
Item 12 - Report of the Economic and Social Council	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3)
3 p.m.:	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Thursday, 28 November	
Thanksgiving Holiday	
Friday, 29 November (if necessary)	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE	

a/ It is proposed to discuss items 103 and 104 jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

b/ It is proposed to discuss items 105 and 106 jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

c/ See General Assembly decision 50/465. Items 110 and 111 are to be discussed jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

d/ See General Assembly decision 50/465. Sub-item (a) is to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (d) are to be discussed jointly. Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.